

AMENDMENT TO MR. TAUZIN'S AMENDMENT
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(Page & line nos. refer to Chairman's Mark of June 17, 2003)

Page 163, lines 9 and 12, insert "112 percent of"
before "the amount".

Page 164, after line 22, insert the following:

1 “(6) STUDY AND AUTHORIZATION.—Not later
2 than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this
3 section, the Secretary shall conduct and complete a
4 study on the adequacy of the payment rates provided
5 under this subsection, taking into account the acqui-
6 sition costs for the covered outpatient drugs and
7 biologicals as well as provider-related costs, in rural
8 and urban areas. The Secretary shall submit the re-
9 sults of such study to Congress. For calendar years
10 after the date such results are submitted, the Sec-
11 retary may adjust the percentage specified in para-
12 graphs (1)(A) and (1)(B) based upon such results.

